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"NON-METALLIC GUIDE WIRE"

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed 05/23/2002. Concurrently filed herewith is a 3-month extension of time and applicable fee. The response is being timely filed because the 11/23/ 2002 3-month extension reply date is a Saturday. Applicant submits the following response:

In the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) on the basis that the drawings much show every feature specified in the claims. Claim 19 has been amended to remove the allegedly non-illustrated claim language and to focus upon the subject matter illustrated in existing FIG. 6. Claims 20 and 21 depend from claim 19 and are believed to be adequately illustrated in the existing figures. Claims 22-24 are canceled below without prejudice. It is believed, therefore, that this objection has now been overcome.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18 of the specification with the following:

-- A preferred class of materials, which is non-metallic in accordance with this invention, comprises polymeric materials. Polymeric materials useable in the present

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